

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

RELATING TO GRANTING OF CONFEDERATE PENSIONS.

S. J. R. No. 10.]

Proposing an amendment to Section 51 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas to provide that the Legislature may grant pensions to Confederate soldiers, sailors and their widows, who have been citizens of Texas since prior to January 1, 1910, providing that all soldiers, sailors and their widows eligible under the provisions hereof shall be entitled to be placed upon the rolls and participate in the pension fund created hereunder; levying a tax of seven (\$.07) cents on the one hundred (\$100.00) dollars valuation of property in this State for the payment of such pension, providing that the Legislature may reduce the rate of pension for such purposes, fixing a time for the election to be held on such amendment and making an appropriation to pay the expenses thereof.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 51 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas shall be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

Section 51. The Legislature shall have no power to make any grant or authorize the making of any grant of public money to any individual, association of individuals, municipal or other corporations whatsoever, provided, however, the Legislature may grant aid to indigent or disabled Confederate soldiers and sailors, who came to Texas prior to January 1, 1910, and to their widows, in indigent circumstances and who have been bona fide residents of this State since January 1, 1910, and who were married to such soldiers or sailors prior to January 1, 1910, and to indigent and disabled soldiers who under the special laws of the State of Texas during the war between the States served in organizations for the protection of the frontier against Indian raiders or Mexican marauders and to indigent and disabled soldiers of the militia of the State of Texas who were in active service during the war between the States and to the widows of such soldiers who are in indigent circumstances and who were married to such soldiers prior to January 1, 1910, provided that the word "widow" in the preceding lines of this Section shall not apply to women born since the year 1861, and all soldiers and sailors and widows of soldiers and sailors eligible under the above conditions shall be entitled to be placed upon the pension rolls and participate in the distribution of the pension fund of this State under any existing law or laws hereafter passed by the Legislature, and also to grant aid for the establishment and maintenance of a home for said soldiers and sailors, their wives and widows and women who aided in the Confederacy under such regulations and limitations as may be provided by law, provided the Legislature may provide for husband and wife to remain together, in the home. There is hereby levied in addition to all other taxes heretofore per-

mitted by the Constitution of Texas a State ad valorem tax on property of seven (\$.07) cents on the one hundred (\$100) dollars valuation for the purpose of creating a special fund for the payment of pensions for services in the Confederate army and navy, frontier organizations and the militia of the State of Texas, and for the widows of such soldiers serving in said armies, navies, organizations or militia; provided that the Legislature may reduce the tax rate herein levied, and provided further that the provisions of this Section shall not be construed so as to prevent the grant of aid in cases of public calamity.

SEC. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified voters of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1924, at which all voters shall have printed or written on their ballots: "For amendment of Section 51 of Article 3 of the Constitution authorizing the Legislature to grant aid to Confederate soldiers, sailors and their widows who have been a resident of this State since January 1, 1910." and "Against amendment to Section 51 of Article 3, of the Constitution, authorizing the Legislature to grant aid to Confederate soldiers and their widows."

SEC. 3. The Governor is hereby directed to issue the proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State, and the sum of five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of the general funds of this State not otherwise appropriated for expenses of publications and elections thereunder.

Approved, March 20, 1923.

TO AUTHORIZE CONTROL OF HIGHWAYS BY STATE.

H. J. R. No. 16.]

Proposing an amendment to Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, which relates to taxation and revenues, by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 9a, directing the Legislature to provide for the construction, operation and maintenance, under State control, of a State system of public highways; providing for an election for the ratification or rejection of the amendment herein proposed, and making an appropriation to defray the expense of said election.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That there be submitted to the people of Texas, for ratification or rejection at a special election provided for herein an amendment to Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, amending said Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 9a, which shall read as follows:

Section 9a. The Legislature is authorized and directed to provide for the creation, establishment, construction, maintenance and